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August 8- 1871

The Acting Governor this day issued the following Reprieve,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas at the July term of the United States District Court, begun and held on the second Monday of July A.D. 1871, at Santa Fe, within and for the First Judicial District of the Territory of New Mexico, William Olney, was indicted, tried and found guilty of the crime of "Removing from postage stamps the cancelling or defacing marks thereon, with intent to use and cause the use of the same a second time." And by reason thereof, was by said Court, on the 31st day of July A.D. 1871, sentenced, "To be imprisoned in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, in said State of Missouri for the term of One year, and that he pay to the United States of America a fine of Five hundred dollars, and also the costs of prosecution,"

Now Know Ye. That from facts and circumstances, that have come to my knowledge, and being satisfied that the said William Olney, ought to be pardoned from the effect of said sentence, imprisonment and fine, I Henry Welter Secretary of the said Territory, and Acting Governor thereof, By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, do hereby Give and Grant, to the said William Olney a full and complete reprieve, from the said sentence of imprisonment and fine, and each and all of the legal consequences thereof "Until" the decision of the President, of the United States "can be made known thereto," To whom an application for a pardon for the said William Olney has been made,

{Territorial Seal}

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix the great seal of the Territory at Santa Fe N. Mex. this 5th day of August A.D. 1871,

H. Welter

Sec'y & Act Gov Ter New Mexico